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CHRISTMAS JOYS.

The joy that was born into the world on the first Christmas Day, is ever increasing and finding its way into more hearts and homes. It was joy for all people, and the blessed Christ will never be satisfied until all the inhabitants of earth shall have tasted the sweet joy which the angels announced to the world on that eventful morning. The golden Christmas has not yet appeared in its fulness, tho it has dawned, and each year brings it a little nearer. It has been decreed by him who has all power on earth and in heaven that the kingdoms of this world are to become the kingdom of the Lord's Christ. Each year finds the love to which Jesus gave birth a little larger, and the golden Christmas morning will fully come when the joy which filled the hearts of the heavenly host so long ago, shall thrill the hearts of all mankind.

All who have named the name of Jesus may do something that will hasten the ushering in of that glorious Christmas Day. The kind word that will cheer some weary, heavy laden heart, the smallest gift of love that will give new hope to those who are sorely distressed—these will bring the golden Christmas a little nearer. There are yet many with only a few loaves and fishes. Can we multiply these loaves and fishes? Humanity, weary and worn, toiling and bruised, longs, yea sighs, for the sweet joys and the good will which were born into the world when Jesus came. In some way, whether by kind word or gift of love, carry the glad tidings into homes and hearts that know them not. Make some one happy. Speak a word of encouragement to earth's weary ones and make known the sweet invitation of Jesus, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." Somewhere and in some way do something that will hasten the last and golden Christmas Day. By doing this you will add joys to your own Christmas.

IN HIS NAME.

Of Abel it is said that "tho dead, he yet speaketh." The blessed Jesus tells us that every good deed done in his name, however small, will not be without its reward. Even the giving of a cup of cold water will not go unnoticed nor unrewarded by him who gave his life that we might have a home with him in heaven. Sister Mary A. Snyder sends \$1.00, and writes:

"Inclosed find \$1.00. Credit ten cents to each of my four children, (to send EVANGELIST to Chicago) namely, Warren, Homer, Cyrus and Len. The other 60 cents you may use for the same purpose. Homer is dead, but he always wanted to do what the others did, so I sent his name too"

The dear boy is still working for Jesus. What a blessed thought. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." So said Jesus. Homer's ten cents may be the means of bringing some soul to Jesus and add another star to his crown. Brother McFaden will appreciate this act, and will, no doubt, say something about it in his Chicago letter. The Lord bless Sister Snyder's home. The worker dies but the work goes on.

CHRISTMAS AND MISSIONS.

The National Mission Board, through its Secretary, brother J. D. McFaden, is sues a circular containing an appeal for funds to carry on Mission Work. We trust our people will be able to see the "connection between Christmas and Missions" and respond liberally to this appeal. If this reaches you a little late for Christmas, a New Year's gift will answer the same purpose. What more appropriate Christmas or New Year's gift could any one give than a handsome donation to the Mission Board? It will count for infinitely more than an investment in jewelry or some other worthless article. Remember the Board has two important missions to sustain, Chicago and Washington. In remitting, please state to what mission the money is to be applied. The circular reads as follow:

Dear Co-Worker: Is there not a close connection between Christmas and Missions? If it had not been for Jesus could there have been social regeneration for the world? Is not his birthday a divine opportunity to extend his cause?

Will you help us?

The General Mission Board is in need of funds, we earnestly ask you as a Pastor, Leader, or Superintendent, to lift a collection for the Board at your Christmas Service.

Tell your Church, Endeavor, and Sunday-school, of the world's needs, of the work that is being done, of the sinners that are being saved, and of the countless thousands that might be saved, if we had the means to send our men and wo-

men that are ready to go in obedience to the Master.

Jesus helped us when we were not able to help ourselves, let us help Him when the needs of others are so great, what better time or place to lift a collection for missions than at the Christmas Service.

Yours for work,

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BETTER THAN EVER.

We assure our readers that the BRETHREN EVANGELIST for 1897 will be better than ever. We shall concentrate our attention upon this one thing—to give our readers the very best paper possible. Because the paper has been reduced in price, does not mean that it will be inferior in quality. We are more than ever determined to give the Brethren Church a paper worthy of the cause it represents. The changes made during the past year have been in the way of improvements, and we assure our readers that whenever changes are made they will be for the better. Our plans will be announced as formed. At present we have no plans to announce beyond the promise of a better paper for 1897. Your part in the work is to secure all the subscriptions for the paper you possibly can. A united effort will swell the list to 3000 by April 1.

Personal Mention.

Brother J. S. Bowman reports three accessions at Arritts, Va.

The meeting at Lathrop, Calif., conducted by brother Martin Shively, resulted in three accessions.

Brother N. A. Frame reports three accessions to the Dunlaps congregation, and work moving along pleasantly.

Brother L. S. Bauman began revival services in his congregation Nov. 29. Have not yet heard the result of the meeting.

Brother D. A. Hopkins closed a very successful meeting at Loree, Ind.,—resulting in thirteen accessions to the congregation.

Brother A. B. Gnagey, who spent a few days visiting with his parents at Meyersdale, Pa., has again returned and is busy at his work in the office.

Sister Laura Grossnickle is now at Pioneer, Ohio, where she will remain until about Jan. 1, after which she goes to Bryan, thence to South Bend, Ind.

Sister Martha J. Varner, of Stony Man, Va., renews her subscription, and encloses \$1.00 extra for the Book and Tract Work. Thanks. This is an excellent way of doing good.

Sister L. Wenner writes that their apportionment for the College is raised and they are ready to send in the same when the whole amount of the indebtedness has been provided for.